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VVB Mansfeld (January 1950)

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1. Production for the period 1st - 8th January, 1950 was as follows:-

- (i) Fortschrittschacht 6,660 tons of ore, i.e. increase of 3.3% over same period in December.
- (ii) Vitzthumschacht 4,297 tons of ore, i.e. increase of 5.3% over same period in December.
- (iii) Paulschacht 1,831 tons of ore, i.e. increase of 9.9% over same period in December.
- (iv) Hohenthalschacht 1,532 tons of ore, i.e. increase of 12.4% over same period in December.
- (v) Clothildeschacht 1,626 tons of ore, i.e. increase of 10.2% over same period in December.

2. The following activities are at present in progress:-

- (a) 15,000 tons of coarse metal (Rohstein), supplied by Bulgaria, are being blown at the Bessemer plant.
- (b) A process is being developed for the treatment of slate (Schiefer) electrostatically. If successful it is intended to develop this process on a large scale.
- (c) Zinc oxide and zinc sulphate are being manufactured.

3. The principal cause of delay in production below ground is the shortage of trolleys. It is estimated that the loss incurred amounts to 12,000 trolley loads per annum.

4. Other articles in very short supply below ground include trolley-chains, cogged wheel locomotives, {Huntshaspel}, and 10mm. rivets.

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